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REPORT

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1. Soviet Troop Shipments from Hungary

2. Observations Made at Wallisch Hof, Schwechat, Bruck/Leitha Military Posts

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1. On 25 March 1954, a special train of the Soviet Armed Forces consisting of 1 baggage car, 5 four-axle coaches, 2 boxcars, and 20 flatcars loaded with sedans, trucks and motorcycles with sidecars passed through Bruck/Leitha (P 49/X 77), Baden (O 49/X 37) and Vienna (O 49/X 49), coming from Hungary. The train departed from Hegyeshalom (P 48/Y 06) only at 3:20 a.m. on 25 March, although [] it should leave at 22:40 p.m. on 24 March. Austrian railroadmen stated that the train carried a Soviet Air Force detail.

2. Between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 5 April, [] the Wallisch Hof (O 49/X 38) installation was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Most of the personnel observed in the area of the installation wore black-bordered blue epaulets; there were also some troops with red-bordered black epaulets and a smaller number of troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. The following motor vehicles were parked in the yard of the installation: 36 trucks, 8 van-like trucks, 2 jeeps, and 4 truck trailers []. Vehicular traffic at the installation involved tank truck [] driving school truck [], [] trucks [], driving school truck [] and trucks []. The drivers of the latter five trucks wore black-bordered blue epaulets. An estimated 20 motor vehicles, apparently used vehicles with markings, were parked in the garages of the parking lot, referred to as Park Konservatii which had a holding capacity of about 120 vehicles. 1

3. About 3 p.m. on 9 April, the main entrance of the Altkettenhof in Schwechat (P 49/X 48) military post was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Source could not determine whether weapons were parked there. About 12 motor vehicles, including van-like truck [] were parked in the garages.

4. Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 7 April, source observed that trucks [] [] and van-like truck [] were parked in the yard of the air force quarters in Bruck/Leitha (P 49/X 77).

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5. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 10 April, field grade officers wearing blue-bordered blue, black-bordered red and black-bordered black epaulets, and EM wearing black-bordered blue and black-bordered black epaulets were observed near the air force quarters in Bruck/Leitha. Vehicular traffic involved jeep [redacted], sedan [redacted], and fire truck [redacted] all with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Wallisch Hof is believed to be occupied by elements of the 250th Motor Trans Bn; the battalion and its headquarters are stationed in Brunn am Gebirge.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Bruck/Leitha is occupied by a portion of the personnel stationed at Pardorf airfield.

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